

Generating a Long-term Land Data Record from the AVHRR and MODIS instruments

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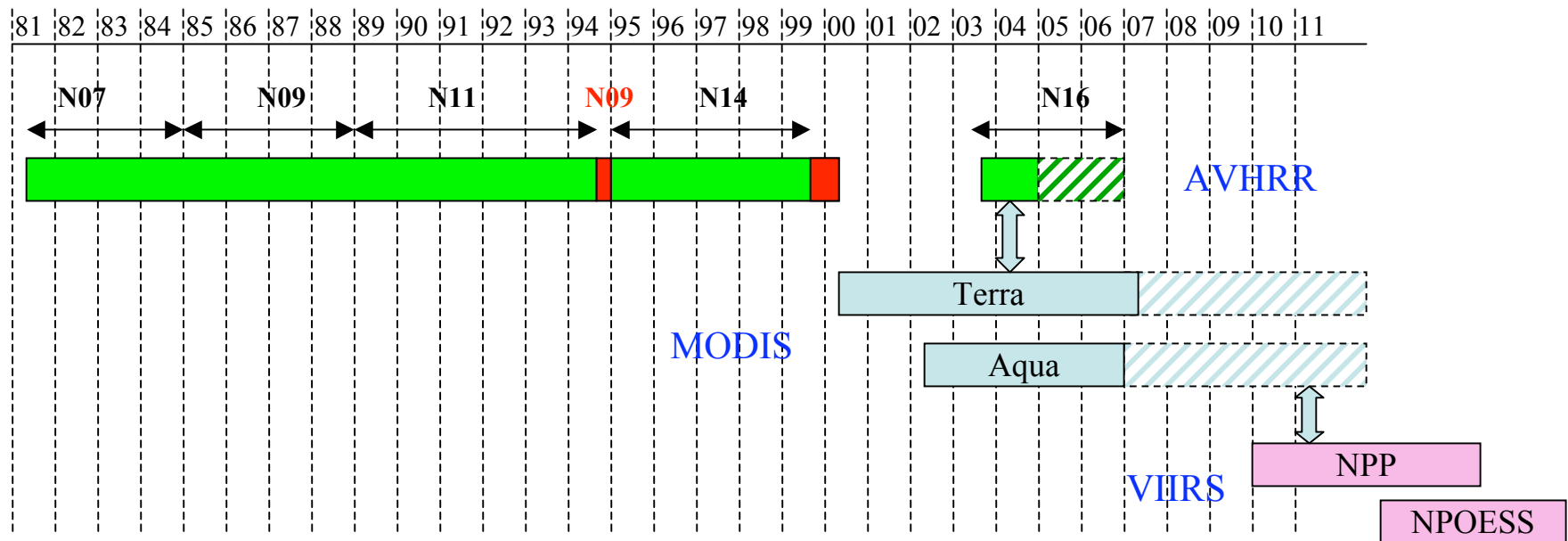
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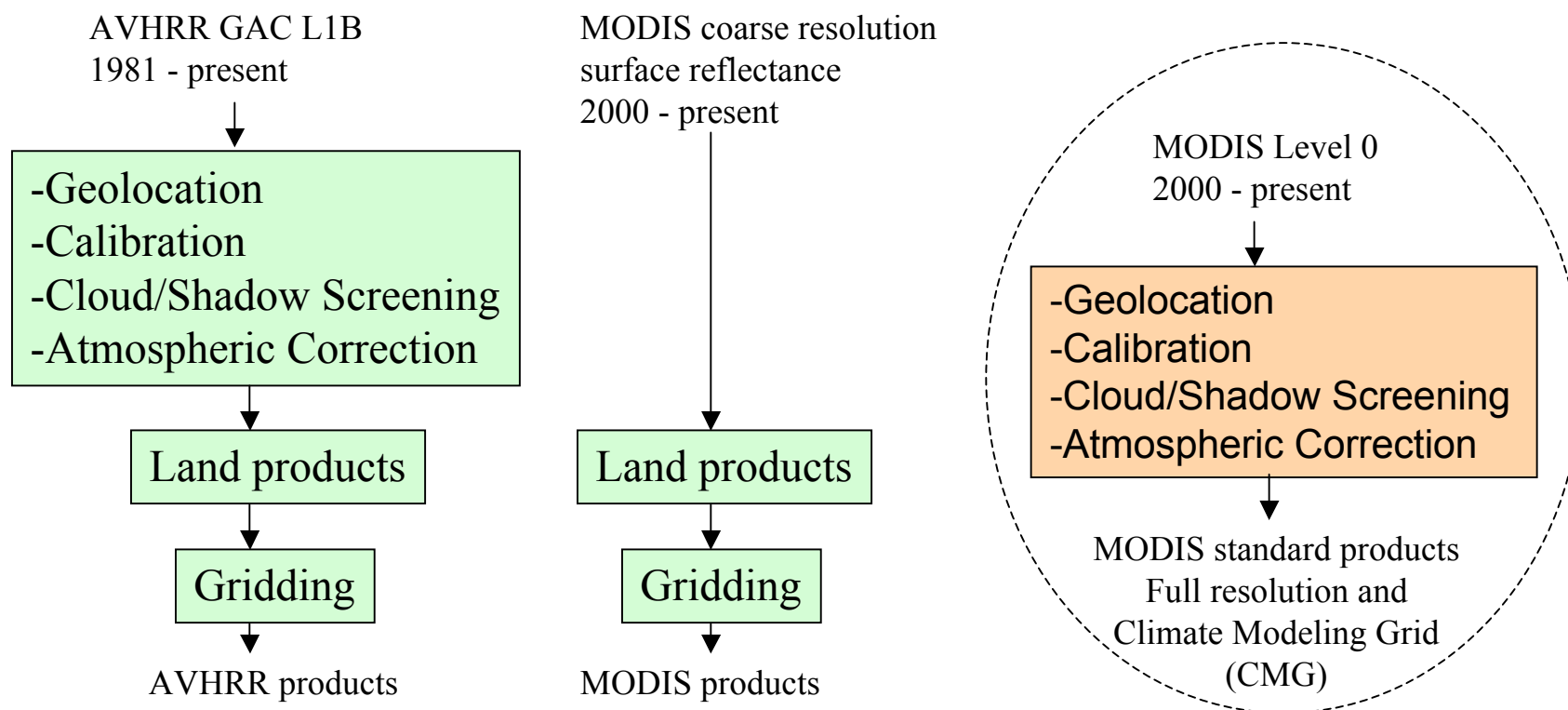
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- Develop and produce a global long term coarse spatial resolution (0.05°) data record from AVHRR, MODIS (and eventually VIIRS) for use in global change and climate studies.
- Use a MODIS-like operational production approach including an operational QA team.
- Set up an advisory process.
- Make intermediate versions of the data sets available to the community through a web interface and solicit input from users.
- Hold community workshops for outreach and feedback.
- Prototype the development and production of a climate quality data record (CDR).
- Funded by NASA Earth Science Research, Education and Applications Network (REASoN) program.

Data Sources



AVHRR and MODIS Production Systems



List of potential products:

Surface Reflectance, VI,
Land surface temperature/emissivity,
snow, BRDF/albedo, aerosols,
burned area, LAI/FPAR

Format:

HDF-EOS

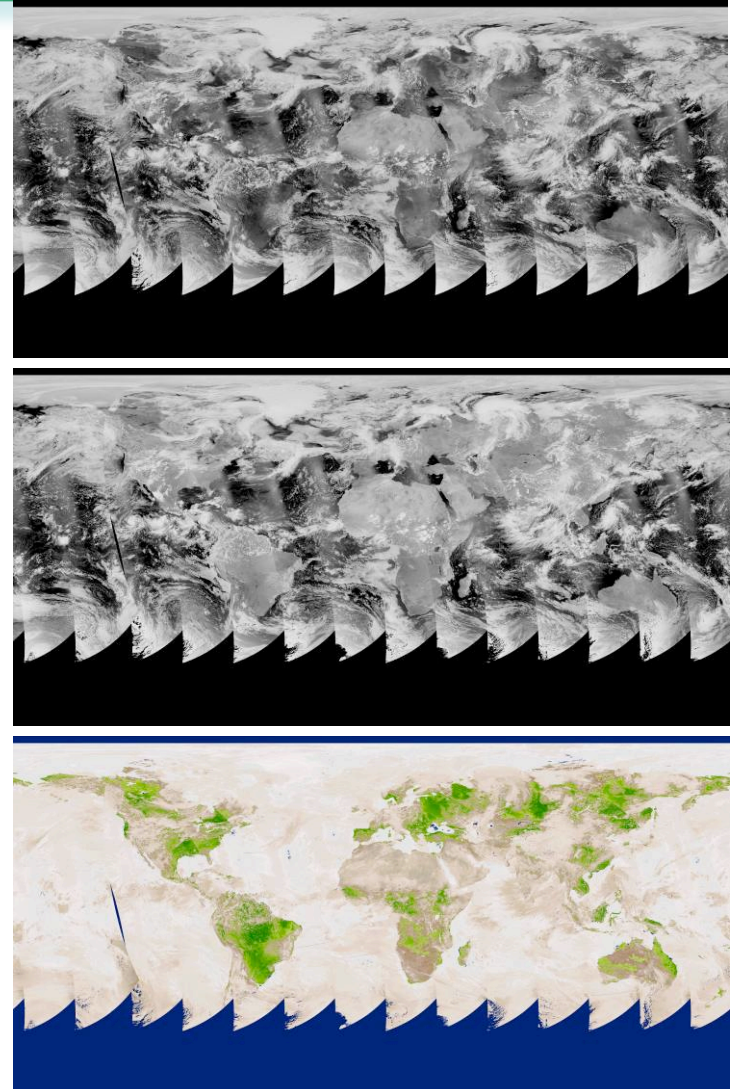
Geographic projection 1/20° resolution

Climate Modeling Grid (CMG)

Daily now, multi-day composites later

Production of the Beta (Version 1) Data Set Completed Summer 2006

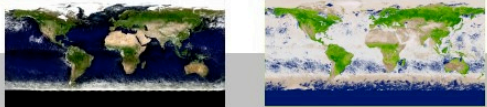
- Algorithms:
 - Vicarious calibration (Vermote/Kaufman)
 - Cloud screening: CLAVR-1
 - Partial Atmospheric Correction:
 - Rayleigh (NCEP)
 - Ozone (TOMS)
 - Water Vapor (NCEP)
- Products:
 - Daily surface reflectance (AVH09C1)
 - Daily NDVI (AVH13C1)
- HDF-EOS Format:
 - Linear Lat/Lon projection
 - Spatial resolution: 0.05° (Climate Modeling Grid)
- Time Period:
 - 1981 – 2000 **completed (Beta = version 1)**
- Distribution:
 - ftp and web
- Evaluation has revealed need for corrections and refinements that will be released in version 2



NOAA-11 for 7/11/1992: Ch 1,
Ch2 and NDVI

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LTDR is a NASA-funded REASoN project to produce a global coar AVHRR, MODIS and VIIRS for Land studies. The project will create reflectance and NDVI at a resolution of 0.05 degrees. Higher order LAI/FPAR, albedo will be created at a coraser temporal resolution. AVHRR data onboard NOAA satellites from 1981 - present.

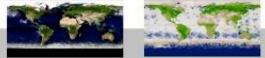
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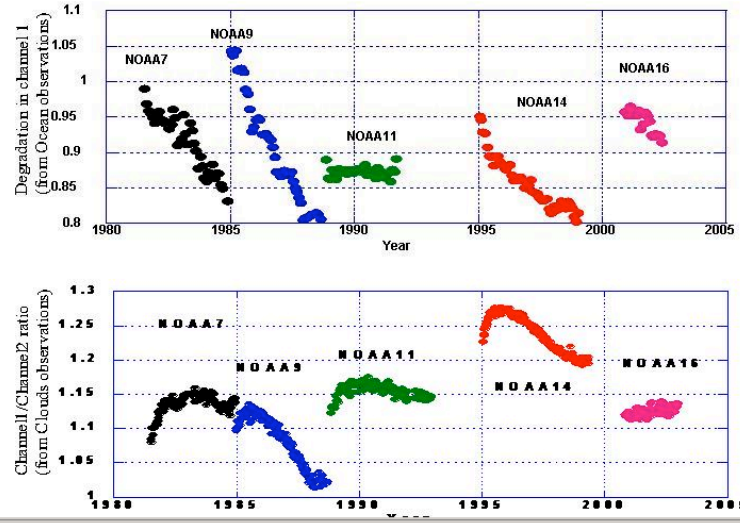
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AVHRR Calibration


Consistent and accurate calibration is a pre-requisite to creating a long-term data record. The AVHRR instrument suffers from the lack of onboard calibration for its visible to short wave infrared channels. Various vicarious calibration approaches were employed by users to account for the sensor degradation. For the LTDR REASoN project, we adopted the approach developed by Vermote and Kaufman (1995) that relies on clear ocean and accurate Rayleigh scattering computations to derive the sensor degradation in the red bands. This approach uses high clouds to predict the variation in the NIR to Red ratio and transfer the calibration to the NIR channel. This approach does not require any in-situ or aircraft measurements and is applied consistently across the AVHRR instruments onboard various NOAA satellites. Click on the satellite link to get the calibration coefficients for the corresponding AVHRR ([NOAA-7](#), [NOAA-9](#), [NOAA-11](#), [NOAA-14](#), [NOAA-16](#)).



http://ltdr.nascom.nasa.gov/ltdr/noaa-09_calibration.html


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Welcome to the Land Long Time Data Record Quality Assessment Web Page

The objective of LTDR QA is to evaluate and document the scientific quality of the global LTDRs (Long Term Data Records) made from remotely sensed data acquired using AVHRR (Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer), MODIS (Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer) and VIIRS (Visible/Infrared Imager Radiometer Suite). LTDRs are currently being produced as single global data record for each science parameter at a coarse resolution of 0.05 deg. Any discrepancy in the data records or QA-related issues identified by the QA process are posted on the Known Issues web page. These issues are updated as new versions of data records are produced using improved algorithms.

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LTDRs are produced as CMG (Climate Mo these data records are posted at this web site supports interactive selection of browse prod

Browse Availability:
NOAA-07: 1981-176 ~ 1984-365
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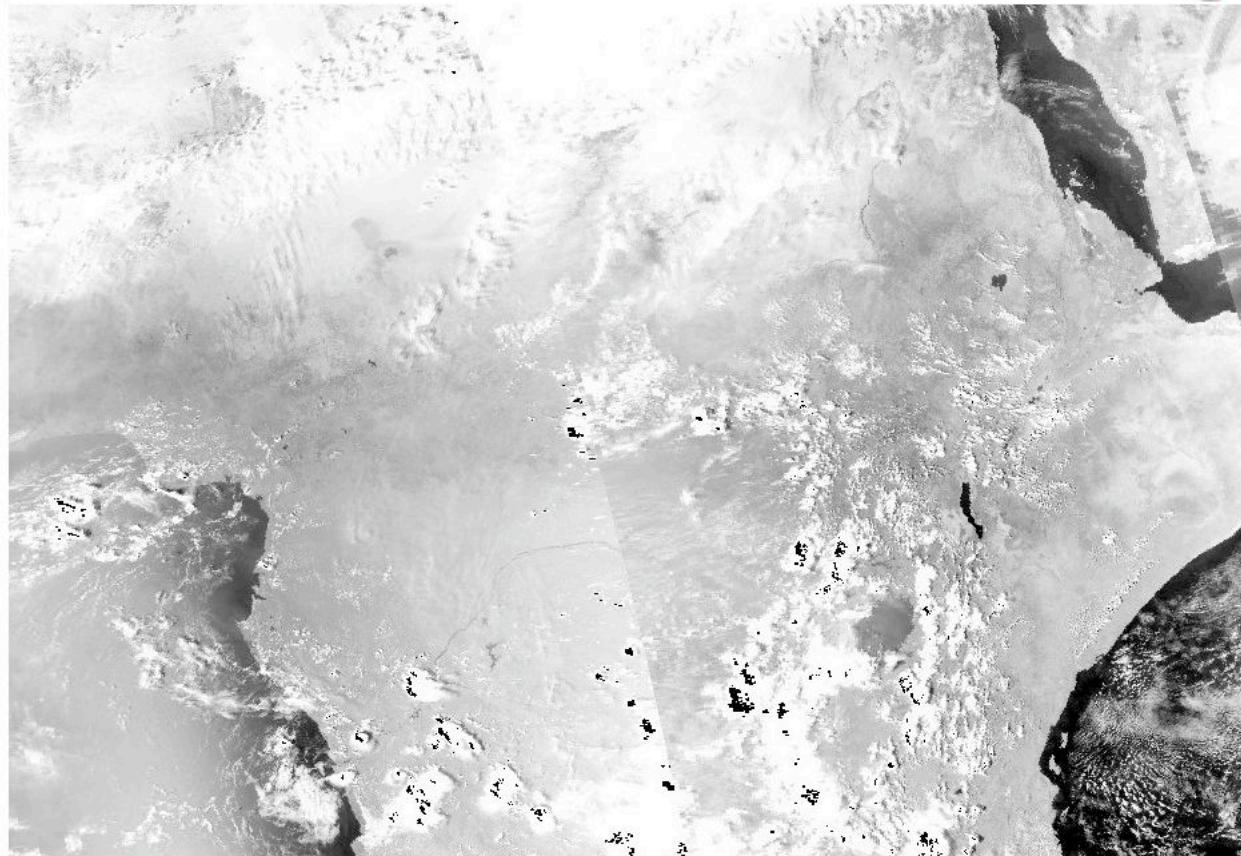
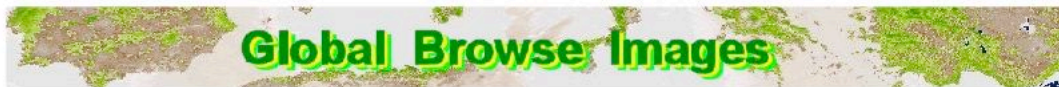
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Data Set Evaluation

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Time

A time series of summary statistics derived from all the LTDR locations is maintained and monitored by the LTDR QA page on the internet. Time series statistics are extracted at all [aeronet sites](#). These series are important because they capture algorithm sensitivity (e.g. aerosol loading) and remote sensing (e.g. sun-surface-sensor geometry). They allow changes in the instrument characteristics and capabilities to be tracked (listed in alphabetical order) or tile and biome combinations.

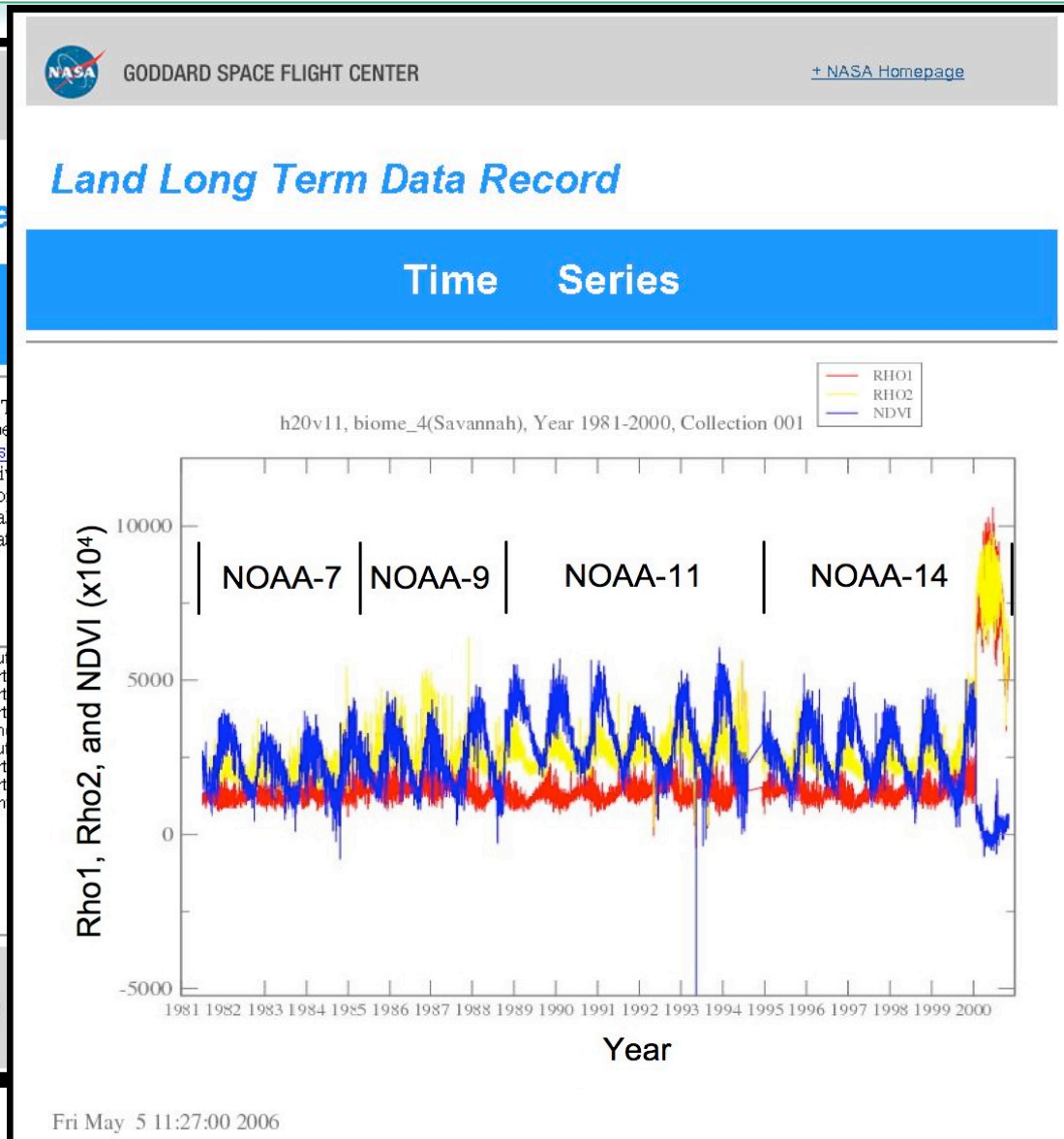
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The calibration of the AVHRR has been thoroughly evaluated

Calibration of NOAA16 AVHRR over a desert site using MODIS data

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Abstract

This paper presents a new approach to AVHRR-sensors cross-calibration in the visible to shortwave-infrared spectral domain using an a-priori, well calibrated sensor (MODIS). The approach has been tested over a stable Sahara desert site and was initially applied to compare the absolute calibration coefficients of three different bands of the Terra and Aqua MODIS instruments. The observed agreement was better than 1% for bands 1 (0.67 μm), 2 (0.87 μm) and 7 (2.13 μm). The approach was then applied to cross-calibrate the AVHRR sensor onboard NOAA16. The absolute calibration coefficients derived for bands 1 and 2, using the Terra MODIS as a reference, were compared to the vicarious coefficients derived using the ocean and clouds method (Vermote E.F. and Kaufman Y.J. (1995). Absolute calibration of AVHRR visible and near-infrared channels using ocean and cloud views, *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, 16, 13, 2317–2340). The coefficients were consistent within less than 1%.

Keywords: Calibration; AVHRR; MODIS



Fig. 2. Location of the 20 km by 20 km calibration site (centered on the red square). The image represents an area of 1000 km by 1000 km.

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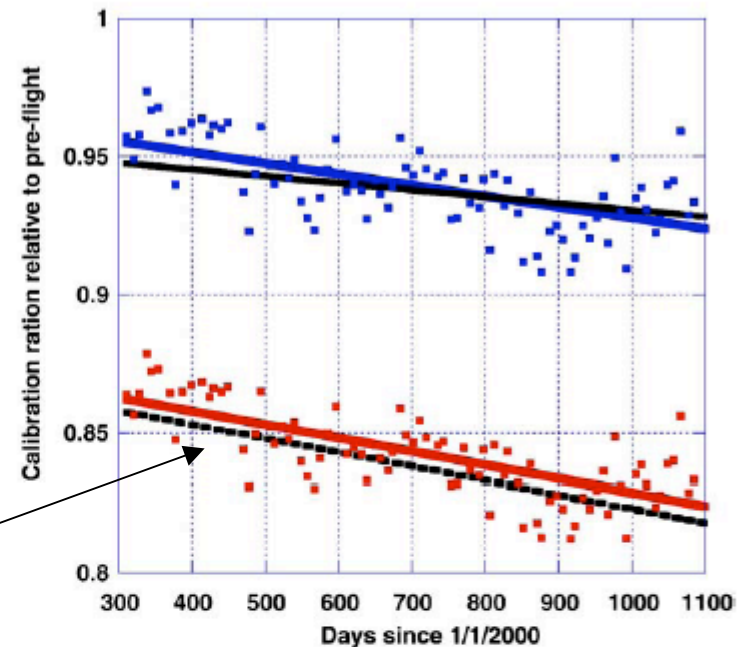
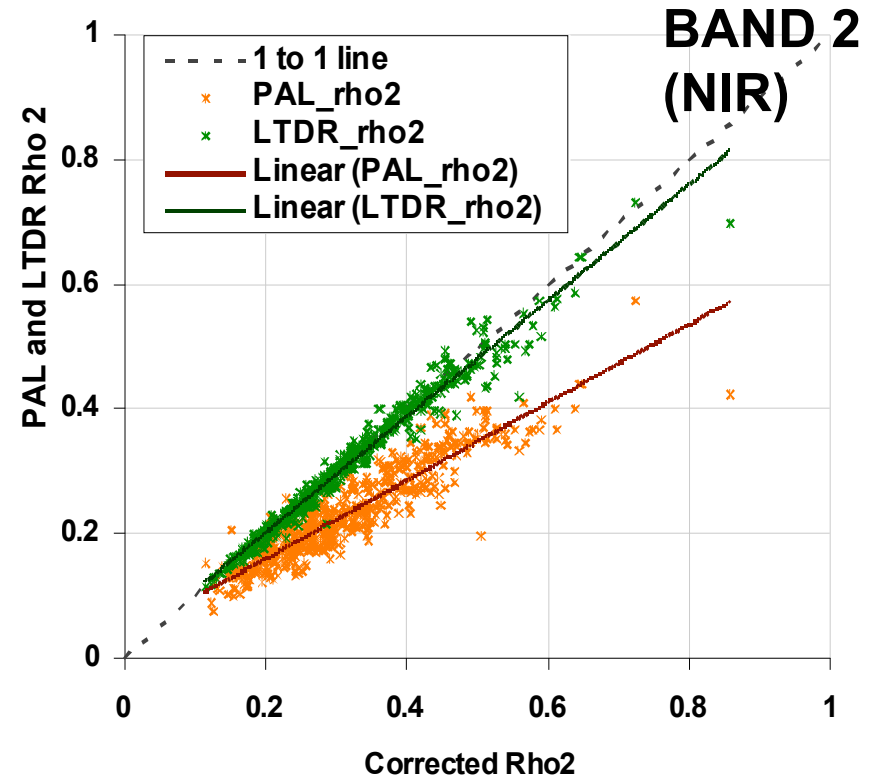
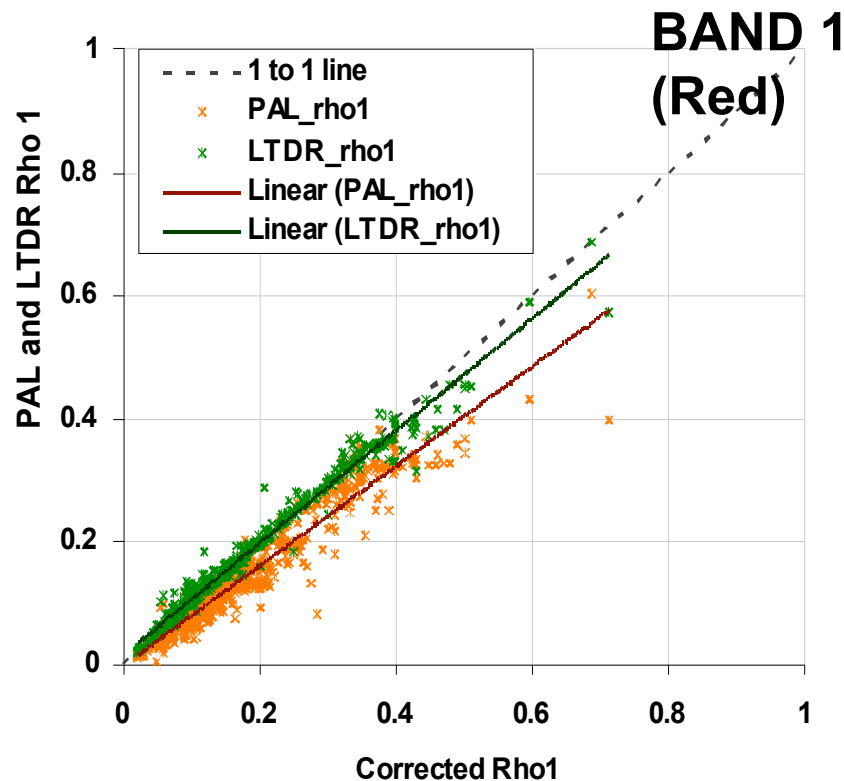


Fig. 11. Comparison of the desert calibration trends for band 1 (black solid line) and band 2 (black interrupted line), with the trends obtained using the Ocean and Clouds method (Vermote and Kaufman, 1995) for band 1 (blue line and square) and band 2 (red line and square).

Comparison of PAL with LTDR at AERONET sites

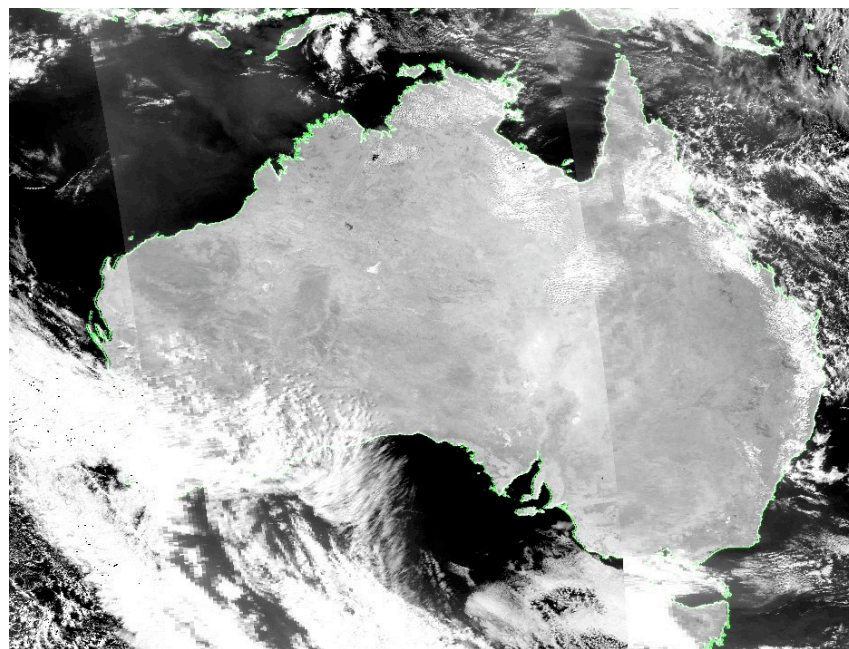
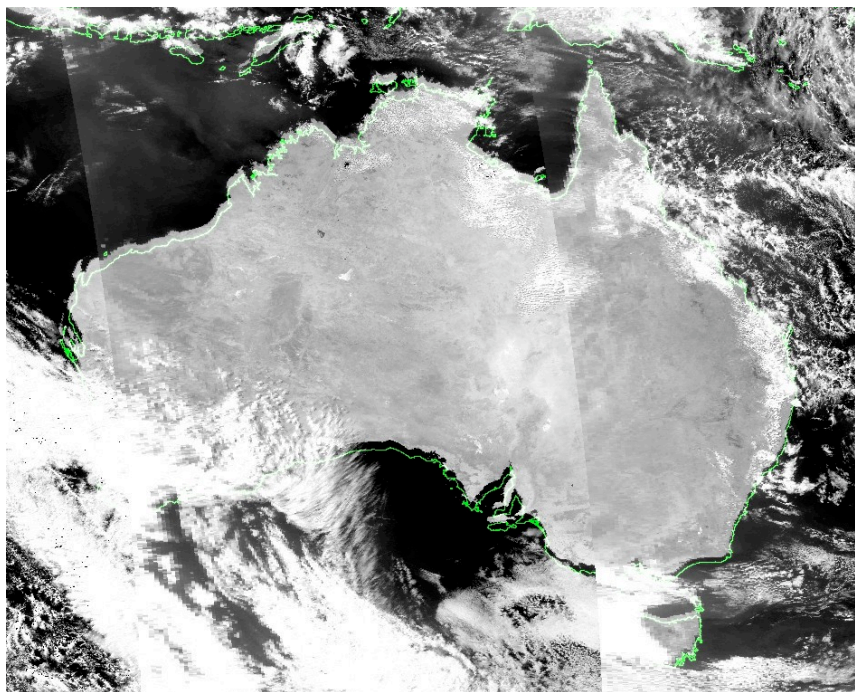


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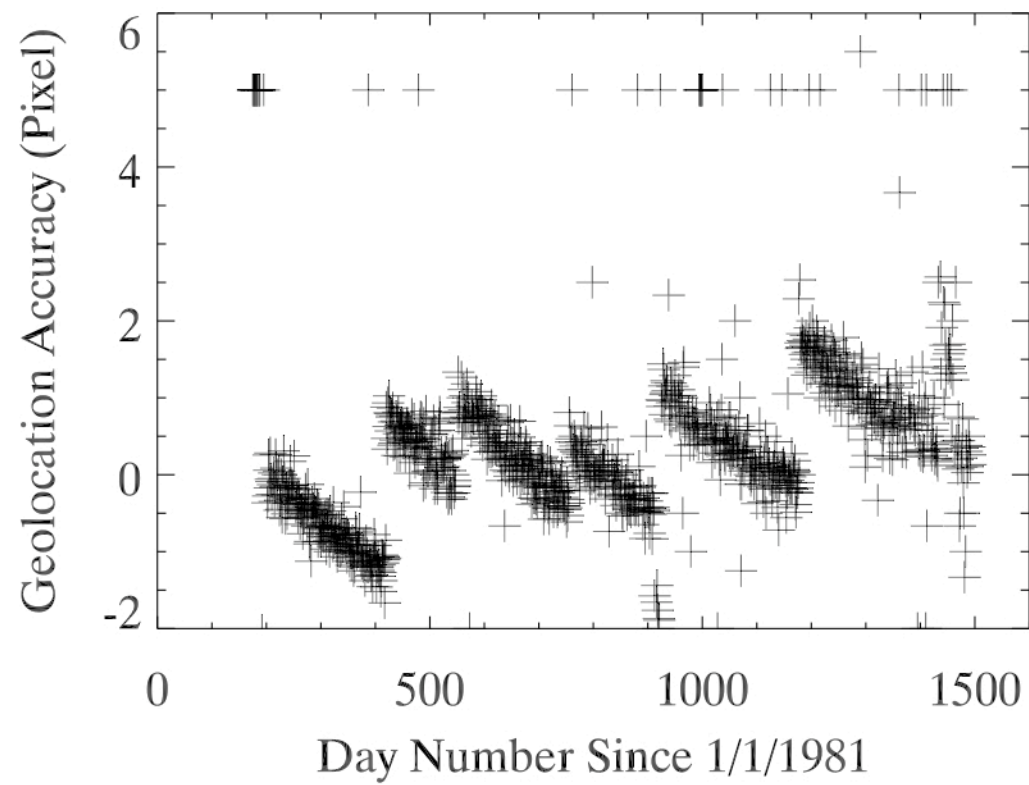
Different Calibration:

- ❑ **PAL**: Stable desert target vicarious calibration (Rao and Chen, 1996)
- ❑ **LTDR**: ocean-cloud vicarious calibration (Vermote and Kaufman, 1995)

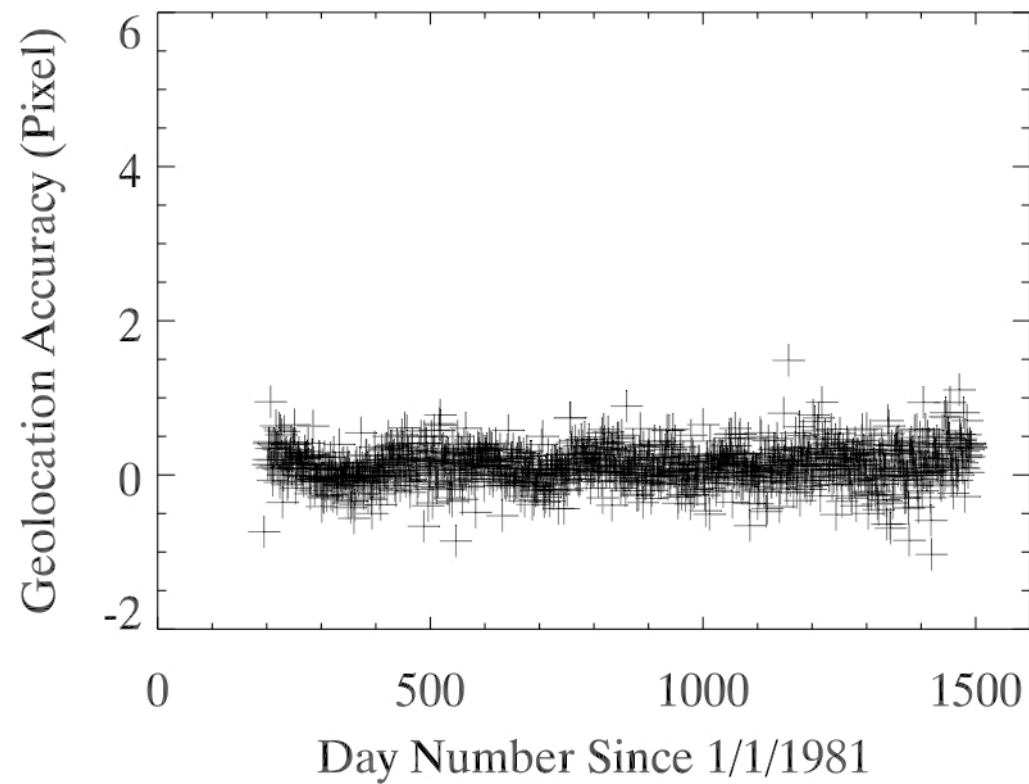
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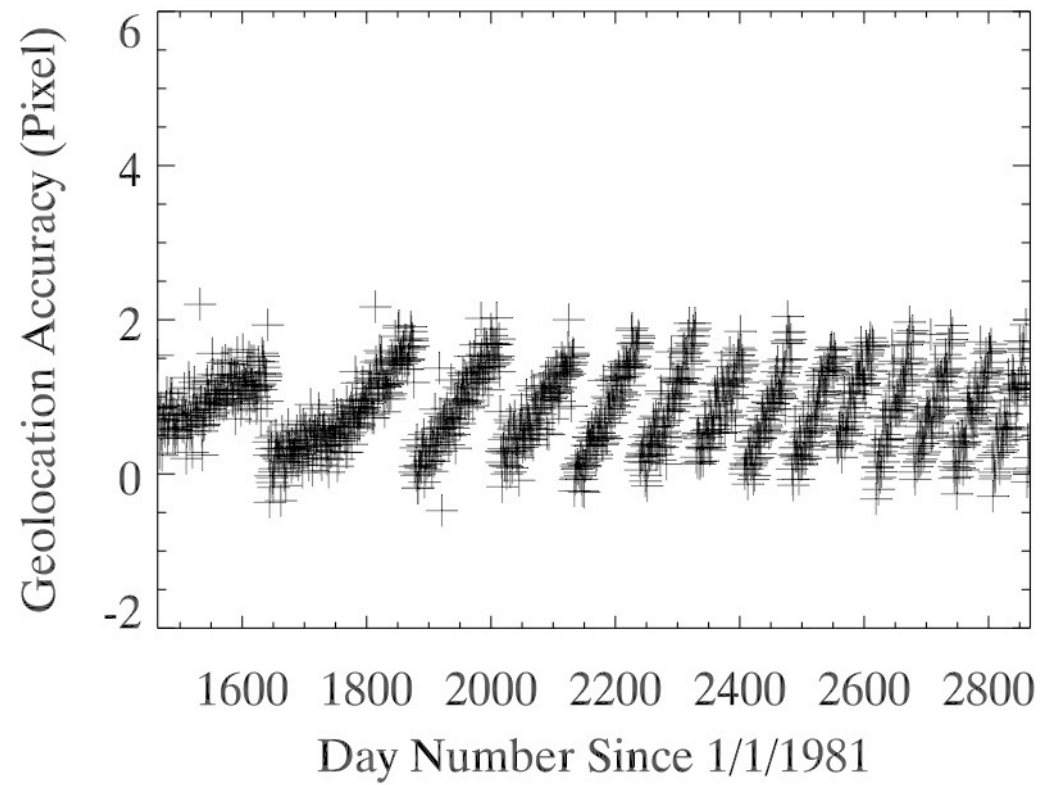
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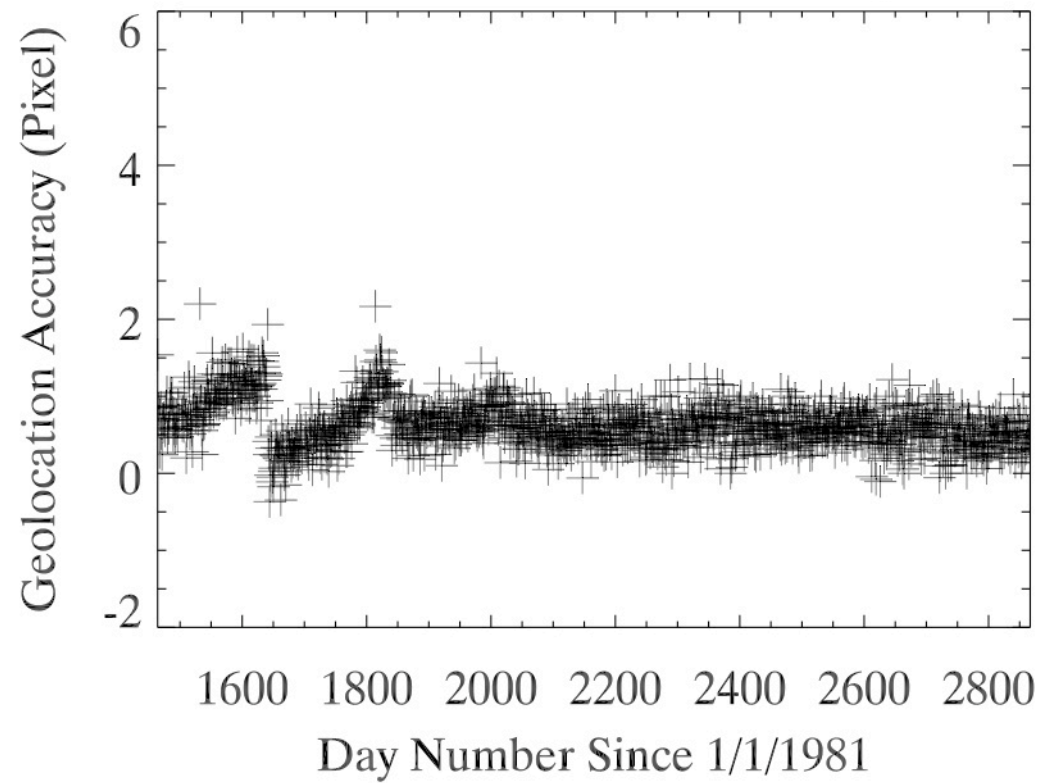
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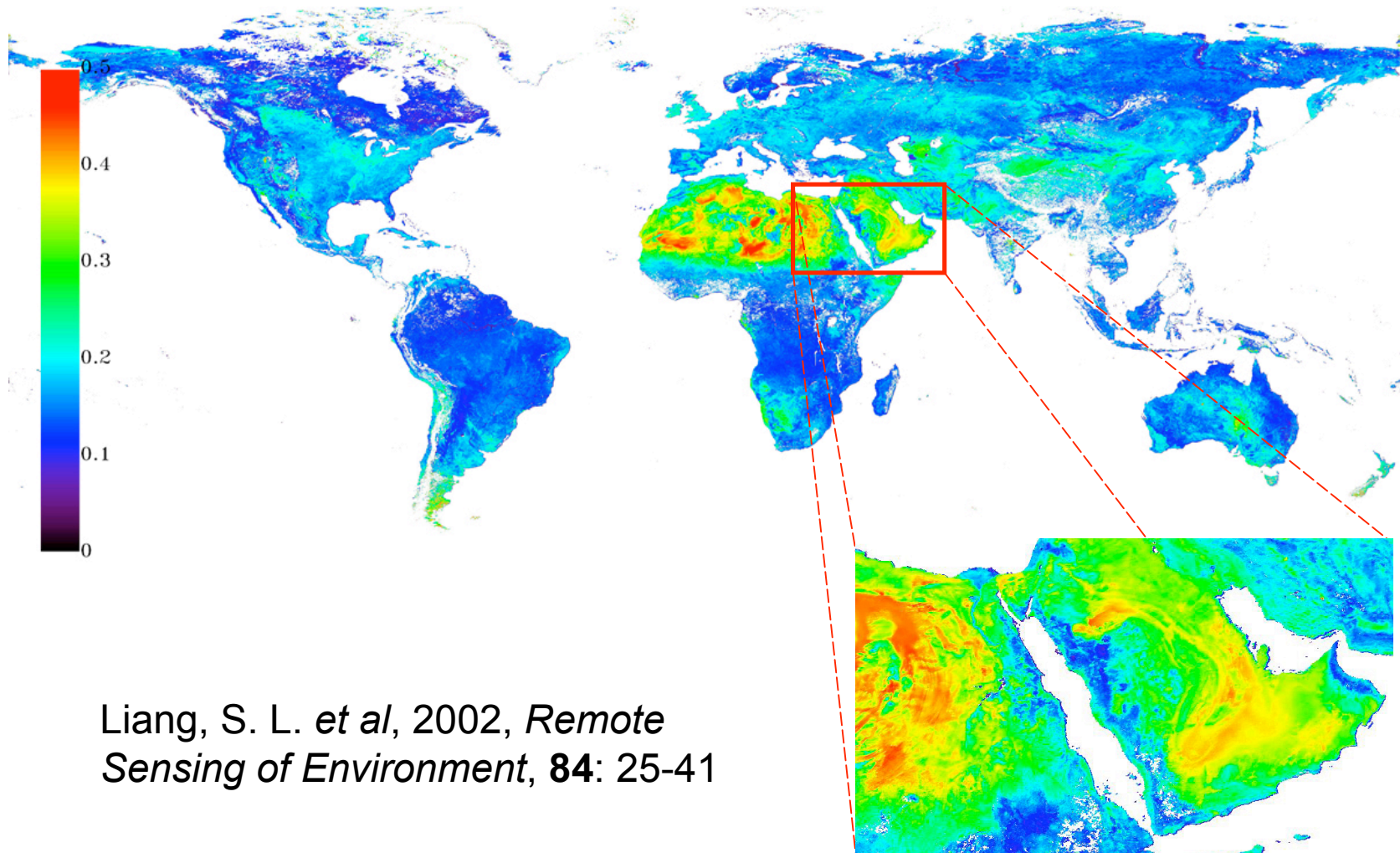
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NOAA-9: Geolocation Accuracies (After processing)

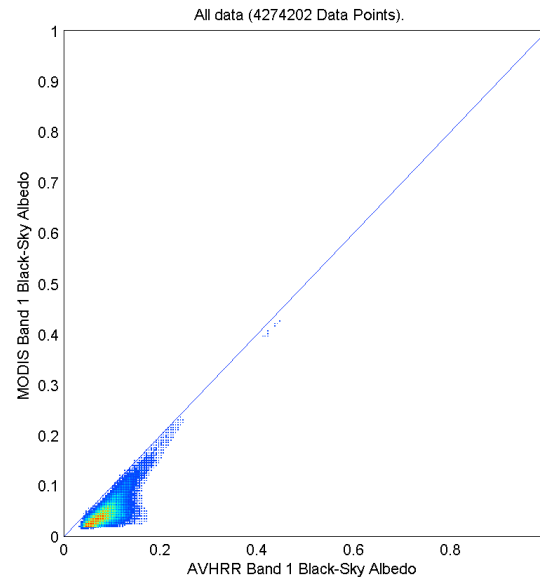
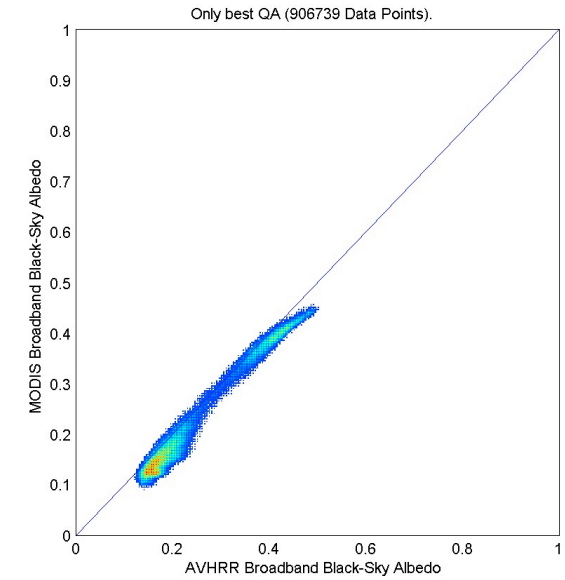
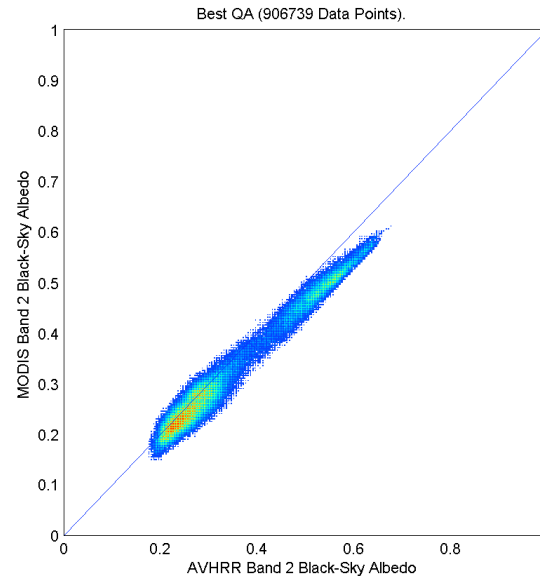
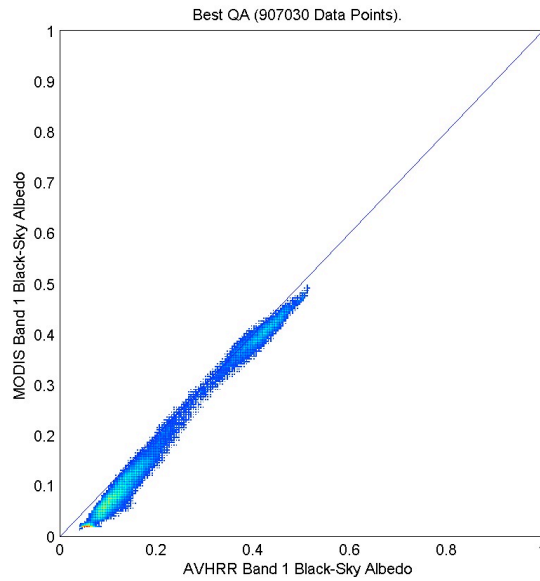


AVHRR BRDF/Albedo Product: Broadband Black-Sky Albedo (July 1999)



Liang, S. L. et al, 2002, *Remote Sensing of Environment*, **84**: 25-41

Albedo evaluation



Outreach workshop

- LTDR workshop held January 18, 2007 at the UMUC Conference Center
 - Held in conjunction with MODIS Collection 5 workshop
 - Most in C5 workshop stayed for LTDR Outreach Workshop
 - Goal was to present project status, receive feedback on products/schedule
- Approximately 140 attendees, including MODIS/AVHRR project personnel.
- Presentations from LTDR folks (algorithms, science, QA, data formats, evaluation, intercomparisons with existing AVHRR products)
- Also presentations from international AVHRR experts
 - A. Trischenko (CCRS) “Developing the AVHRR and MODIS Long Term Data Records at the CCRS”
 - P. Frost (CSIRO) “Integration of Sensors Applied on South African Ecosystems (ISAFE)”
 - M. Leroy (CESBIO) “African Monsoon Multidisciplinary Analysis (AMMA)”
- Good interaction and feedback.

Future activities

- Produce much improved (version 2) surface reflectance and NDVI data set for 1981-1999 and 2003 [September]
- Produce preliminary aerosol-corrected data set for 1999 and 2003 [Oct-Nov]
 - *Use coincident MODIS and AVHRR data to improve aerosol retrieval and correction in AVHRR*
- Release aerosol-corrected surface reflectance and NDVI data set (version 3) [December]
- Produce BRDF/Albedo
- Produce/Release Land Surface Temperature
- Produce Burned Area
- Release version 4 surface reflectance/NDVI data set incorporating fixes identified since version 3 release [2008]
 - Workshop will be held in conjunction with version 4 release.